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The Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people continues unabated. In the early morning hours of today, Israel used helicopter gunships to fire missiles at populated areas in the vicinity of Bethlehem. During the day, the Israeli occupying forces also used heavy machine guns and other kinds of weaponry against civilians in the same area. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli occupying forces and illegal Israeli settlers prevented the movement of persons and goods, even in an area that is supposed to be under full Palestinian control. The Israeli side even went so far as to open a new road in that area to serve one of the illegal settlements in Gaza.

Furthermore, and in follow-up to my previous letters to you, dated from 29 September to 28 November 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/41-S/2000/1046; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter, dated 28 November 2000, and until today, 16 more Palestinians have been killed, which brings the total number of deaths to 266 Palestinians. (The names of the 16 martyrs are annexed.) Scores of Palestinian civilians were also wounded during the same period, many of whom remain in critical condition.

With regard to the urgent issue of providing protection to the Palestinian civilians under the Israeli occupation and the efforts to establish a United Nations monitoring force, we welcome the step taken by the members of the Non-Aligned Movement Caucus who are members of the Security Council to table a draft resolution in this regard. We call upon the Security Council to expedite its consideration of this matter and to take the necessary steps in this regard as soon as possible. The establishment of a United Nations monitoring force will definitely

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save lives and make the situation on the ground better, and will thus enhance the potential for peace in the region.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem (Tuesday, 28 November to Saturday, 2 December 2000)**

**Tuesday, 28 November 2000**

1. Imad Adeeb Al-Dabah
2. Karam Al-Kurd (13 years old)
3. Ibrahim Abdel Jabbar Kahla

**Wednesday, 29 November 2000**

1. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Masharawi (14 years old)
2. Ashraf Abdel Karim Al-Basous
3. Musa Musbah Mawafi

**Thursday, 30 November 2000**

1. Shadi Ahmed Hassan Za'oul (14 years old)
2. Waleed Mohammed Ahmed Al-B'den (17 years old)
3. Ismail Abdel Salam Abu Al-Rous

**Friday, 1 December 2000**

1. Mohammed Saleh Mohammed Al-Arja (12 years old)
2. Hamza Nadi Al-Hasees
3. Midhat Mohammed Sobih Jadallah (14 years old) (from wounds sustained on 30 November 2000)
4. Yaseen Mohammed Hussein Shehadah

**Saturday, 2 December 2000**

1. Shehadah Musa Al-Jafary
2. Shadi Nasser Abu Hobeid
3. Naif Abu Dahoud

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The bloody Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people has continued for over two months, with a rising number of casualties in the past few days. The Israeli occupying forces continue to use live ammunition and heavy weaponry, including tanks, against the civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

In follow-up of my previous letters to you, dated from 29 September to 4 December 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/437-S/2000/930, A/55/450-S/2000/957, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015, A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025, A/ES-10/41-S/2000/1046, A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068, A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078, A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093, A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104, A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107, A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116, A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129 and A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154), I regret to inform you that, since my last letter dated 4 December 2000 and until today, 17 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. These casualties bring the total number of deaths to 283 Palestinians. (The names of the 17 martyrs are annexed.) Numerous Palestinian civilians have also been wounded during that same time period.

On 8 December, another grave violation was committed by the Israeli occupying forces, which used one of its tanks to shell a Palestinian police position in the vicinity of the city of Jenin, instantly killing 4 policemen and a civilian passer-by. The killing of those 5 martyrs presents yet another grim example of the continuing and intense brutality and violence of the occupying Power against the Palestinian people. At the same time, the Israeli closure measures on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, have continued and intensified in recent days, exacerbating the socio-economic suffocation of the entire population.

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I would also like to draw your attention to the recent Israeli army apology to a freelance photographer from New York who was shot by an Israeli soldier in Bethlehem last month. The army told the photographer that the soldier and his commanders would be punished for using live ammunition while not facing immediate mortal danger. Obviously, the only difference between this incident and the at least tens of other casualties is the fact that this time the casualty was not a Palestinian.

With regard to the urgent issue of providing protection to the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation, we call once more upon the Security Council to expedite its consideration of this matter and to take action on the draft resolution presented by the members of the Non-Aligned Movement Caucus who are members of the Security Council (S/2000/1171).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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## Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem (Monday, 4 December through Sunday, 10 December 2000)

**Monday, 4 December 2000**

Awad Saleh Al-Silmi

**Tuesday, 5 December 2000**

1. Ramzi Adel Baytnah (15 years old)
2. Abdel Qader Omar Abu Leban

**Wednesday, 6 December 2000**

Subhi Ahmad Abu Na'na

**Thursday, 7 December 2000**

1. Mohammed Jouda Abu Assi
2. Zuhair Mustafa Al-Hattab (16 years old)

**Friday, 8 December 2000**

1. Hassan Ali Shaheen
2. Moutaz Azmi Taylekh (16 years old)
3. Ammar Samir Al-Mashni (16 years old)
4. Mahmoud Rateb Kasem Abu Farha
5. Muhenad Mahmoud Abu Shadouf
6. Ala Abdel Latif Abu Jaber (17 years old)
7. Mahmoud Abdullah Yehia (17 years old)
8. Ziad Mahmoud Sobeh

**Saturday, 9 December 2000**

Saleem Mohammed Al-Hamaida (13 years old) (died from wounds sustained on 5 December)

**Sunday, 10 December 2000**

1. Mohammed Yousef Al-Mughrabi
2. Hikmat Abdelhady

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Pre-dawn today, Israeli occupying forces moved tanks and bulldozers towards the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the vicinity of that city, encroaching the area under full Palestinian control and trying to demolish several structures. The occupying forces also shelled a police post in the same area, killing at least one policeman. Exchange of fire ensued, during which the Israeli occupying forces used tank shells and missiles, killing a total of four Palestinian policemen and injuring more than 40 civilians, making it a night of complete horror for the residents of the area.

Also today, following a pattern of similar crimes, the Israeli occupying forces committed another execution of a Palestinian civilian. Mr. Abbass Al-O'waiwi, who was standing in front of his shop in the middle of the city of Al-Khalil, was shot to death by 3 bullets from an Israeli post at a distance of 250 metres. Yesterday, in the village of Al Khadir, near Bethlehem, Mr. Yussef Abu Soaie was stepping out of his home when he was hit by several Israeli bullets from the hills overseeing the village from a distance of approximately 200 metres. A similar execution also took place on Monday, 11 December 2000, in the city of Nablus, when Mr. Anwar Hamran was hit by 19 bullets coming from an Israeli post at a distance of 1,000 metres as he was standing in front of a building of the Open University of Jerusalem. All of these assassinations by Israeli sharpshooters clearly represent additional war crimes of which the soldiers of the occupying Power are guilty.

In follow-up of my recent letters to you, dated from 29 September to 11 December 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; and A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173), the number of Palestinians killed since my last letter to you, until today, are 8 Palestinians, which brings the

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total number of Palestinians killed since 29 September 2000 to 291 martyrs. (The names of the 8 martyrs are annexed.)

This grave deterioration of the situation on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, is taking place while the Security Council is still debating the draft resolution to establish a United Nations force of military and police observers that would greatly help to bring this continuous bloodshed to an end. We believe that the Security Council must act immediately, absent of which it will be unable or unwilling to fulfil its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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## Names of martyrs killed by Israeli security forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem (Monday, 11 December, through Wednesday, 13 December 2000)

**Monday, 11 December 2000**

1. Ahmad Ali Al-Qawasmi (14 years old) (died from wounds sustained on 8 December 2000)
2. Anwar Mahmoud Hamran

**Tuesday, 12 December 2000**

Yousef Ahmad Abu Soaie

**Wednesday, 13 December 2000**

1. Mahdi Ahmad Akeelah
2. Mohammed Jamal Abu El-Lo'la
3. Ahmad Ismail Motair
4. Jabr Al-Sabe'
5. Abbas Othman Al-O'waiwi